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### newham may



The weather may be dismal but things are heating up for Under the Stars, which is less than a week away. We caught up with two of Saturday's headline acts to see what they have in store for you.

London is officially handed

the Olympic reins on Sunday 24 August, read about vour celluloid dreams on page 19.

As we went to press we were delighted to watch

Ohuruogu sprint to gold at Beijing! Congratulations to Christine and her family.



On the cover: Our turn next



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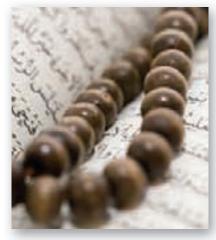
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### Sports clubs

In the last issue we published details of the borough's sports clubs. Unfortunately some of these were out of date. The Newham Mag is very sorry for any inconvenience caused, in particular to the family of Steve Tatum. Please consult the Sports Club Directory 2008/2009 for current information; you will find copies at leisure centres, libraries and Local Service Centres. It can be downloaded by visiting www.newham.gov.uk/services/sportsclubsandactivities and clicking on 'find a sports club in Newham'.











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### **Committee Meetings**

### 23 August – 5 September 2008

The following meetings all take place at Newham Town Hall, East Ham, unless specified.

Carers Scrutiny Commission Tuesday 2 September, 4pm
Health Scrutiny Commission Tuesday 2 September, 4pm
Development Control Committee Wednesday 3 September, 4pm
Newham Partnership - Better Health and Well-being Local
Action Partnership Board Thursday 4 September, 3pm
Newham Partnership - Chief Officers Group
Friday 5 September 2008, 120000

Meetings are subject to cancellation. Details of meetings, agendas and minutes are available on the Newham website www.newham.gov.uk

### SAFEGUARDING ADULTS ANNUAL REVIEW

The council's Multi-agency Safeguarding Adults Partnership, which helps to protect vulnerable adults, will be holding its third annual review on Tuesday 2 September at The Resource Centre, 200 Chargeable Lane, Plaistow. The group will celebrate their achievements and ask attendees how they can work together effectively to further develop the service. On the day a case study which looks at safeguarding concerns will be discussed, the annual report will be presented and there will be a chance to hear from the council's partner organisations. If you would like to attend or want more information on the event email safeguarding.adultsadmin@newham.gov.uk or call the safeguarding team on 020 8430 5698.

Further information on safeguarding can be found at www.newham.gov.uk/services/adultabuse

### Education services on the move

The education offices at Broadway House in High Street, Stratford will be closing to the public on Friday 28 August. From Monday 31 August, residents will be able to access its front line services on 020 8430 2000 or in some cases via www.newham.gov.uk; if you need to see a customer service advisor in person visit your Local Service Centre (LSC).

These services include schools admissions, free school meal applications, student finance and other education queries.

Trained staff will be able

to provide these from your LSC; the localised provision will offer easier access for customers. For special educational needs, please contact staff by telephone on the number above.





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### ACT NOW!

If you're over the age of 18 you have the right to vote but it doesn't come automatically – you've got to act! In order to vote you must register every year. Forms are now being delivered to every household in the borough to ensure you don't miss out on your right to have your say.

Keep an eye out for your form, which will be delivered in the post. You must make sure you complete and return it as soon as possible. Failing to return the form will result in a council representative calling at your property to request the necessary information, which is costly and time-consuming.

And it's not all about voting – if your name is not on the electoral roll, you'll find it much harder to get a mortgage or a loan.

If you have any questions the electoral services team are happy to help. Contact 020 8430 3082 or email elections@newham.gov.uk for more information.

### FLYING HIGH

People from the Pakistani and Indian communities gathered at Newham Town Hall, East Ham, to commemorate their respective country's independence days with a flag raising ceremony; the crowds joined together to sing their nation's national anthem. Deputy Mayor Councillor Christine Bowden

said: "The Pakistani and Indian communities are well established in Newham and it's nice to see first, second and third generations attend these celebrations. We are relying on our established communities to bring peace and harmony to all residents."





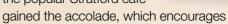
Above: Cllr Bowden addresses the crowds at the Indian flag raising. Left: Flying high – Pakistani flag at Newham Town Hall

### Eite into healthier options

Cllr Laguda with Café Mondo staff

Stratford's Café Mondo is the first business in the borough to receive a Healthier Food Award.

Following a rigorous training and nutrition programme delivered by Newham College of Further Education and the council's Healthworks, the popular Stratford café



food businesses in Newham to develop healthier menu options.

The pilot project was delivered by an external chef trainer, who observed the business' cooking practices. A nutritionist provided feedback on making small but significant changes to ingredients to further improve the health content and preparation of meals.

Councillor Joy Laguda, who is co-chair of the Newham Food Access Partnership, presented the award to Café Mondo at their restaurant in Stratford Library on The Grove.



Cllr Laguda said:
"This is a great
achievement for
Café Mondo and all
the other cafés that
promote healthy
eating to their
customers.

"A major barrier to people eating healthy food is the lack of awareness about what goes into their meals when they eat out.

This scheme will ensure that customers know they are getting a nutritionally balanced and healthy meal."

Café Rial in Memorial Avenue, West Ham, has also gained a healthier options award; the Kitchen Table at the Froud Centre in Romford Road, Manor Park will receive their award shortly. Look out for the Healthier Options sticker displayed in café windows.

If you run an eatery in Newham and are interested in working towards achieving the Healthier Options Food Award contact Karen Minhas on 020 8430 4410 or email: karen.minhas@newham.gov.uk



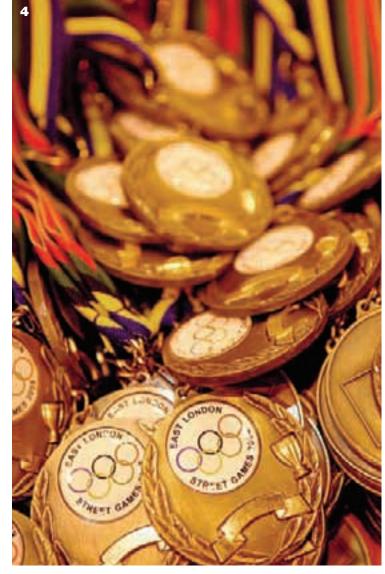
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- Residents get sporty at the East London Street Games.









### From east to east

As you read these words I will be in Beijing flying the flag for Newham. I'll be accompanied by a small delegation, which includes Chief Executive Joe Duckworth and the executive member for Olympics, Councillor Paul Brickell. We're on a fact finding mission to see how Newham can make the best of opportunities available to us on the back of the world's biggest sporting event. Our corner of London will soon be the focus of millions of pairs of global eyes.

Hosting such an enormous and long spanning event will be an exciting challenge. We are going to Beijing to see what we can learn about the impact the Games will have on the local community and area. We want to make the most of the opportunities available to us as a host borough and will also be forging relationships with potential sponsors. The Olympic Park is not in our hands, but areas around the Park are prime locations for promotion and investment; we intend to secure the best deals so the community can reap the rewards long after the Olympics are over.

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We're already trying to get the best for residents by getting local people ready for the jobs on our doorstep through Workplace, our flagship employment scheme now in Stratford and Canning Town, which has secured hundreds of jobs for local people. Our vast regeneration projects are beginning to take shape and come 2012 Newham will be a different borough; we want to ensure the physical, social and economical changes benefit you and we're committed to working hard to ensure they do.

### Young Mayor prepares to pass the baton

Young MAYOR OF NEWHAM

It's amazing how quickly a year passes by. I can still remember congratulating Zuhayb Ahmed in Newham Town Hall's

after he was elected as our first young mayor. Newham has the most youngest population in the country and we wanted to give our young people real money and real influence, which is why we set up the scheme. It's a chance for them to get involved in the democratic process and understand how their vote can make a real difference for local young people.

Zuhayb has done a fantastic job. He's met with hundreds of young people, talking to them about how best the council can serve their needs, as well as backing crucial campaigns like Enough is Enough, which tries to put a stop to knife crime amongst young people. He has also been instrumental in cementing the Youth Council, which is



made up of runner-up candidates from last year's election. He is now handing over the gauntlet, but to whom? That's for our young people to decide. Age is the only obstacle. Do you know someone aged between 11 and 18 who is up for the challenge? Perhaps you're reading this and think you have the drive and commitment to serve the borough's younger community. Elections will take place in October but nominations open on 1 September. Look out for the next issue of the Newham Mag for more details.

Being one of the few elected Mayors, I am directly accountable to you. You can meet me and discuss any issues that you think I can help with. To find out more visit my website at www.newham.gov. uk/mayor or call 020 8430 2107 to find out where I'll be.



### Bringing learning to life

It's a nail biting time for many this week as GCSE results are announced. Our schools have been improving annually and we hope to secure more passes this year than ever before. But education is changing and Newham is leading the way. In September, we are launching the new 14-19 diplomas which will provide students with a more hands on approach to learning. We know that A Levels and GCSEs are not suited to everyone which is why I am so pleased that our young people will now have a wider range of educational choices. The diplomas will be recognised as equal to GCSEs and A Levels and will be offered in five subjects including engineering, media and IT. We are the only borough in the country to be offering all five subjects. Newham is a place full of young talent which deserves to be recognised through a variety of qualifications of equal value.

### ENGLAND TEAM FOLLOW OUR LEAD

The England football team have thrown their weight behind a campaign to discourage young people from knife crime. This is an important message. Knife crime doesn't just ruin the life of the victim, families are torn part and there are some mistakes you can never undo. It is good to see that what we began here in Newham with Enough is Enough is being adopted nationally. The more people that take a stand against knife crime and the more lives can be saved. If you'd like to talk to someone in confidence about knife crime call Crimestoppers free on: 0800 555 111.

### Residents congratulated for limitting efforts

I recently met two residents from Holden Point sheltered accommodation in Stratford to present them with certificates for knitting more than 50 footballs, dolls and other toys which they generously donated to Richard

Diplomas will provide students with practical

experience, education and training, which is an

invaluable combination.



House Hospice. Jean Gunn and Peggy Peters form part of the Holden Point knitting club and have worked tirelessly to support the Beckton based children's charity, which looks after young people with life-limiting or life-threatening illnesses, some who tragically may never reach adulthood.

The toys were sold at the recent London City Airport Funday and the ladies helped contribute a generous £786 to a worthy cause. The ladies demonstrated true community spirit and showed that you can get involved whatever your age. The staff at the



hospice are dedicated to helping the children in their care and do a excellent job. Richard House needs to raise £1.8million this year to continue the good work they do – if you can help them with a donation, no matter how big or small, please visit www.richardhouse.org.uk



### Bring and bye

Newham is getting set to welcome the world in 2012, and with the arrival of the greenest Olympics ever, it's important that we all do our bit to make the borough a good environmental example! Recycling with orange bags is a great start, but if you are already doing that and want to do more, here's how you can.

Located in and around the borough in public spaces are a number of recycling banks. These are containers where you can deposit your recyclable materials.

Recycling banks are also located at all the big supermarkets and you can take all kinds of things to them for recycling, from glass bottles and jars to textiles and clothing. Look out for your nearest bank in future In Focus supplements.

There are more than 120 recycling bring banks in the borough and we are always looking at installing more.

If everyone used bring banks as part of a regular routine we would be able to recycle much more of the waste we create – which means less rubbish in your bins and much less going into already stretched landfill sites.

Because the banks are located in convenient spots, you don't even need to make a special journey. Next time you go to the supermarket, why not take something with you to be recycled?

What happens to the waste that is collected from bring banks?

- Glass bottles and jars are recycled into new bottles and jars
- Drinks cans are recycled into new aluminium and steel products
- Newspapers and magazines are recycled into egg boxes and other paper fibre products

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are sorted
and resold or
recycled
Plastic
bottles are
recycled
into carpet
backing,
fleece



coats, plastic furniture and piping. Please wash all plastic bottles and then squash them to save space in the bank. This is a great job for idle schoolchildren this summer holiday!

For a full list of the borough's recycling sites please visit www.newham.gov.uk











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Newham Council wish you all a rewarding Ramadan and a happy Eid-ul-Fitr.

### Give Us a Go!

### NEWHAM PLAY DAY

Weds 27<sup>th</sup> August, Ipm - 5pm Beckton District Park South, (Opposite stables and allotments) Stansfeld Road, Beckton, E6

A FREE event for all children and young people living in Newham aged 0-16 and their families.

The national theme for this year's event is 'Give us a Go', encouraging children to take part in challenging and adventurous play opportunities.

### A WIDE RANGE OF PLAY ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:

- Arts workshops
- Face Painting
- Mural workshop
- Under 5's Village
- Land Train
- Crazy Bikes

Bouncers

Garden Games

- Trampolines
- Climbing Wall
- Dance Classes
- Sports
- Reading Area
- Stage
- Picnic Area
- Fruit and Water available

No public parking please use public transport

**DLR: Beckton Park 800m** 

Buses: 262, 300, 376, 147, 473

Please note this event takes place on grass



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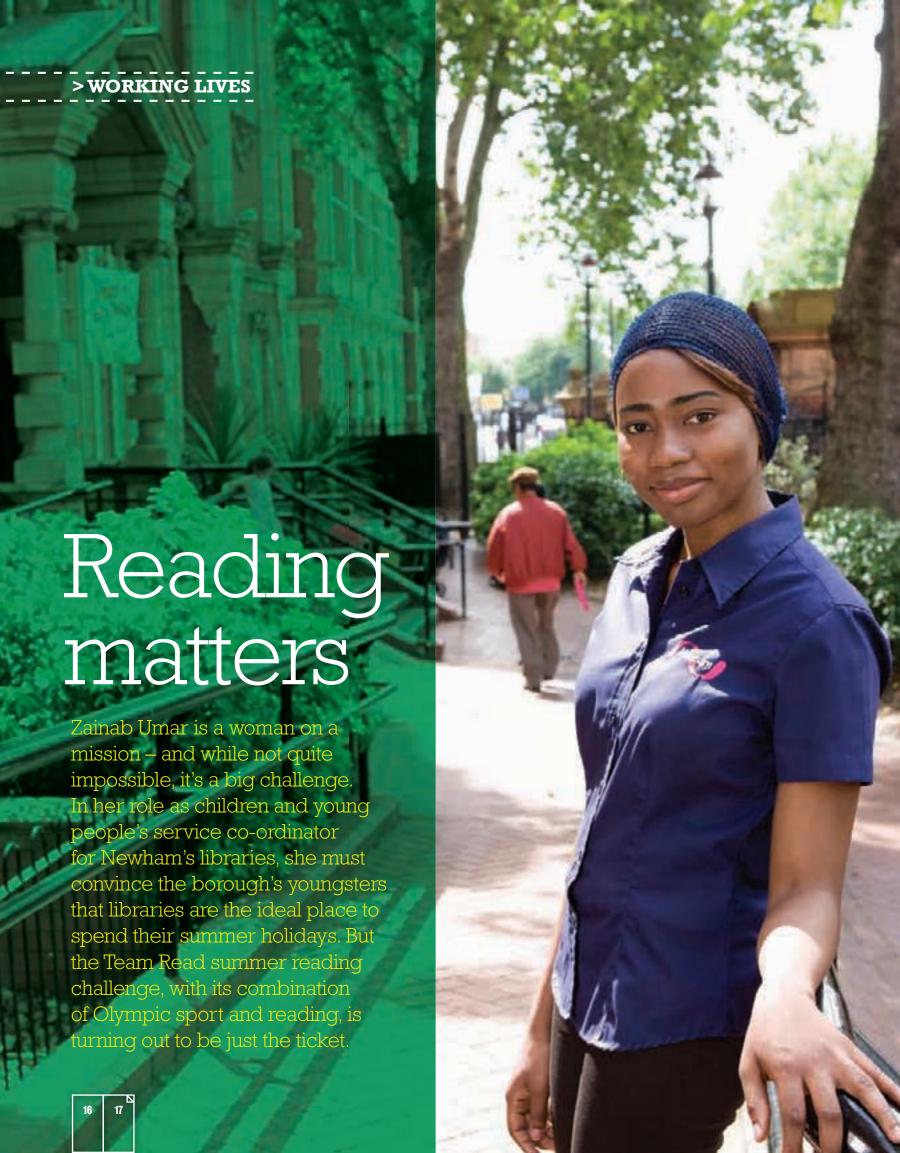


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Libraries have come a long way in the past few years. No longer the musty haunt of bookworms and fusspots demanding silence, Newham's libraries are sleek, clean and modern and offer a huge variety of activities in addition to the traditional book-borrowing service. Such variety keeps Zainab busy as she develops and promotes the services on offer. As she says: "It's about engaging young people and showing them that libraries are a place to read but also a social hub." And she's as restless as her target audience: "I call myself a nomad because I'm never in one place for long! But I love it. There's no such thing as an average day - every day brings new challenges."

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And the biggest challenge of the year is Team Read. Zainab explains: "Every Newham library is participating in the challenge. Children from four to 11 are invited to join; all they need to do is become a member of the library - which is free. Then for each book they finish they'll get a sticker which they add to their collection. They'll achieve awards of bronze, silver and gold as they go. But of course we're asking young people to go for gold!" And with the handover of the Olympic Games this summer, competition is in the air.

The theme of the challenge this year is sport, but this doesn't mean books have to be sporty. Team Read simply offers children the support that being part of a team offers athletes – and the motivation of winning medals probably helps too. Zainab explains: "We're running sessions throughout the summer on all kinds of different things. For instance, we worked with the Tower of London on the theme of protection, looking at armour and linking it in with sports."

Although the challenge started in July, children can join up at any date until 19 September – the day before it finishes. Says Zainab: "Join any time but if you're

going for gold you should come along soon!"

It's all go for the summer, but Zainab's work doesn't end with the new term in September. Newham's libraries run exciting and varied schemes throughout the year, many of which are listed in the back of the Newham Mag every two weeks. Zainab's favourite are the storytelling sessions for children under five and their parents. "These are great because they help children to use their imaginations and get them interested in their local libraries, but also because they really develop social skills," she explains.

She was particularly moved by the progress of a little boy at the storytelling sessions: "One little boy who came to the sessions used to run around and wouldn't pay attention to the stories. He had a real problem with his concentration. After a couple of months coming to the sessions, there was such a change in him; he'd sit down and listen, and his interaction with his mum and the staff really improved too.

"In this age group, they're still developing speech and language so it's really important they get this kind of assistance. And it wasn't just that one little boy – we saw a real improvement in communication between lots of parents and children too."

Zainab, with her background in international relations, has a real passion for community work and loves bringing ever more exciting options to the families of Newham. What's next on the horizon? She reveals that she has some pots on the boil for celebrations of Black History Month in October and poetry slam competitions, but she's keeping mum for now. So why not take a trip to your local library and see for yourself?

To find out where your local library is, go to page 27 of this magazine. For more information on libraries in Newham, visit www.newham. gov.uk, click on Leisure and Culture and follow the links.

### Stars in your eyes

Bid goodbye to Glastonbury, au revior to V and say hello to the one of London's biggest free music events. Get starry eyed under the night sky with the return of four free nights of live music brought to you by the Mayor of Newham and Newham Council.

Summer wouldn't be summer without the return of Under the Stars, which kicks off on Thursday 28 August in Central Park, East Ham. You can't miss the decorative banners and posters dotted around the borough and if you've never been to the event before it's about time you saw what you've been missing!

Saturday presents the best of Bollywood, bhangra and Asian flavours. We caught up with two of the night's hottest stars, chart topper Jay Sean and bhangra maestro H-Dhami, to see what they have in store for you.

Jay Sean is arguably the first British Asian artist to have successfully bridged the east-west divide. He's a well-respected international solo artist with a number of awards adorning

Busy promoting his new album, My Way, Jay is looking forward to his first performance in front of a Newham crowd. He said: "When I do live shows I like to entertain the crowd, it's not just about singing – when you listen to a CD all you can hear is a voice, but on stage you can offer something else, some beat boxing, freestyling, singing; it's about putting on a show and that's what I do best."

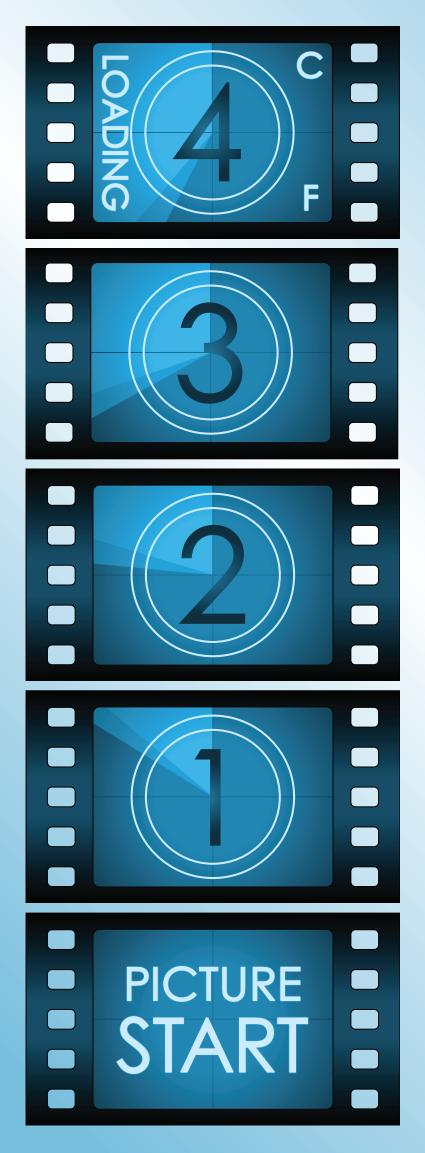
H-Dhami is the son of Palvinder Dhami, lead singer of the legendary bhangra group Heera. Following the release of his first album *Sadke Java* and his award for Best Newcomer at the UK Asian Music Awards he has proved he doesn't have to rely on his father's credentials to be classed as one of bhangra's newest rising

stars. H is no Newham newbie having performed at last year's Under the Stars. He said: "Under the Stars is a great event. It's promoted locally so you get lots of local people who may not go out to clubs to hear this kind of sound. It's not about getting drunk, it's a family event and has a great atmosphere. It's nice to be able to meet people and have time to say thanks to everyone who has supported me."

### Want to know more?

See the ad on the back page or visit www.newham.com





# Lights, camera action

### Our series of outdoor events continue with three FREE nights of fantastic films for all the family.

The film nights, which made their debut appearance last year, make a welcome return to Stratford Park, on West Ham Lane, on Friday 5, Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 September – a week after Under the Stars. Mayor of Newham and Newham Council presents three delightful family favourities for your viewing pleasure:

**Friday**: Magic and wizardry take over as Harry Potter continues his fight against evil, taking on Lord Voldermort in **Harry Potter** and the Order of the Phoenix.

**Saturday**: Jane Austen gets a Bollywood make-over by Bend it Like Beckham director Gurinder Chada in **Bride and Prejudice**; get ready for a load of laughs in this modern take on a classic form.

**Sunday**: Tissues at the ready as the much loved **E.T: The Extra Terrestrial** returns to the big screen in this Stephen Speilberg epic.

Everyone is welcome to attend. There's no seating so bring a groundsheet – why not make a night of it and indulge in the food and drink stalls, or bring your favourite cuisine and have dinner by starlight. **Gates open at 7.30pm and films will start at 8.30pm.** 

### Stop press...news just in

We've been scouring the borough talking to residents about their hopes, dreams and aspirations for 2012, quizzing you about your personal goals for the next four years. We had some amazing responses and wanted to eternalise your comments using the power of celluloid. As a result, we've created two special Olympic inspired films which will premiere at Under the Stars concerts and film nights.

The first film is a talking heads look at your thoughts on how you can make the most of forthcoming opportunities, whether this is learning a new language or trekking around the world on horse back – the decision is yours. The second film is an arty take on how everyday mundane tasks and actions can lead to greater things; a broom can inspire you to be a javelin thrower, dashing for the bus could you your first steps to running the 100 metres. Take a look for yourself – you'll be amazed at what you can do when you think outside the box.

### London 2012 – w

The handover is coming and everyone's talking about the Olympics – but maybe the less sporty among us are already getting tired of the hype. Fear not: the council is working to ensure that the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games bring something special into your life, no matter who you are. Why not take our personality quiz to see what the Games will do for you?

### 1. You wake up bright and early on a sunny Saturday morning. Do you:

- a) Can't believe you overslept for your 4am run
- b) Note down your dreams, to be turned into a collage later
- c) Fire up your Blackberry to check your emails
- d) Beat a path to the shops to sample the sales

### 2. There's a credit crunch going on and you're feeling the pinch. Do you:

- a) Thank God your gym subscription is paid up till the end of the year
- b) Use your receipts to build a papier maché interpretation of your suffering
- c) Are well-prepared your financial advisor tipped you off last year
- d) Switch from high end to high street fashion

- 3. Your relatives are arriving from abroad in two days and they expect to be entertained. Do you:
- a) Have a football, a frisbee and a park down the road– what more could they want?
- b) Have arranged for your local theatre group to perform in their honour
- c) Can't wait to speak to them about outsourcing opportunities
- d) Hide all your best shoes from your cousin, aka Bigfoot

Now check your answers... what answer do you have most?



### hat's in it for me?

### What's your score?

### **Mostly As**

As a sport lover you will be even better served than you are now, with world class facilities on your doorstep and across London. In the borough these will include: the stadium, with the potential to host a number of sports, including athletics, football and rugby; the Velopark, whose impressive grounds will be home to an indoor velodrome, BMX circuit, road cycle and mountain bike circuits; the Olympic Park, which will provide yet more parklands for residents in our green borough; and many local sports clubs, who will benefit from renewed interest in sport locally and nationally.

### **Mostly Bs**

As a creative and cultured type, you'll be interested to know that London has pledged to provide a four year festival of arts and culture in the run-up to 2012.

The Cultural Olympiad kicks off on 26 September with an open house weekend and over the next four years will provide ten major projects, including a world cultural festival led by the Arts Council, a film and video carnival courtesy of the UK Film Council and a Royal Shakespeare Company weekend. Keep checking the Newham Mag and In Focus supplements for details of what's going on in your area; there's going to be a lot!

### **Mostly Cs**

As a mover and shaker in the world of business, you're probably keyed in to most of the developments, but did you know that almost 20,000 jobs in construction and as many as 12,000 long term jobs in and around the Olympic Park are expected to be created by the Games? Council initiatives like Workplace aim to keep these as local as possible. As well as jobs directly linked to the Olympics, development in the borough, including

extensive transport improvements, should generate more income and more opportunities. In the meantime, if you are a business owner, did you know that there is a London 2012 business network run by the Olympic Delivery Authority that you can join to compete for contracts? Call 0845 2177804 for more details.

### **Mostly Ds**

If sporting competition to you means beating shoppers to the last bargain in the shop, you're in for a treat. The Stratford City development promises 150,000m² of retail space and will include a John Lewis and Marks and Spencer. Although it was planned before London won the bid, the Games will draw many more exciting retailers to its shop floors. In addition to this, you'll soon be able to include Paris in your regular shopping destinations, as travel links will connect the East End with the Rive Gauche – and more fantastic fashion than you can shake a baguette at.



### >>IN FOCUS

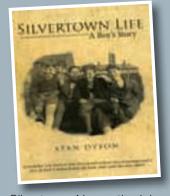
### NEWHAM STUDENTS



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Newham Sixth Form College (NewVIc) in **PLAISTOW** sent a group of talented young people under the title of the NewVIc Ensemble to take the Edinburgh Fringe Festival by storm with a new production, East Side Story. The allsinging, all-tap dancing masterpiece is a celebration of love, opportunity and ethnic diversity set against the backdrop of modern day east London, and is based on the classic West Side Story. Lucy Basaba, who plays love-struck teenager Ladybird, said: "This is a once in a lifetime opportunity which I could only dream of until recently. I'm very proud to be part of this experience."





### WIN A COPY OF THE SILVERTOWN STORY

Stan
Dyson
was once
a boy
growing
up in
post-war

Silvertown. Now retired, he decided to put some of his memoirs of the 'old country' onto paper. But once he started to write, he found he couldn't stop – and soon he had pages and pages of reminiscences, painting a

vivid picture of the old East End. Stan re-lives a childhood spent exploring bombed out buildings, playing perilous games on the dockside and dodging death on a daily basis. The stories reveal a strange old Silvertown, one where hazards lurked round every corner, families took each other in without asking questions, bluebottles were the size of birds and children were free to roam the empty streets.

Stan posted his memoirs on the web and it was only a matter of time before

he was inundated with requests to publish them in a book. Now the book is available from Newham Bookshop in **UPTON PARK**, and the Newham Mag has one copy to give away. To have a chance of winning, email Newham.mag@newham.gov.uk or write to The Newham Mag, Newham Town Hall, Barking Road, E6 2RP, marking your entry: Silvertown Story. Entries must be received before 6 September.



The council's parks department has announced the winners of their amateur Park Life photo competition. The theme was chosen to show the best of Newham's parks, which are so plentiful that you're never more than a ten minute walk away from one. Photos could be of people in the park, wildlife in the park or just the park in all its beauty.

All the photos entered were spectacular, making it really hard for Executive Member for Culture, Councillor Jo Corbett, to judge the winners. The overall competition winner, Robert Smith, won a £150 Jessop gift voucher, with the two runners-up Lorraine Campbell and Zanda Koya winning a £50 Jessop gift voucher each. The photos will be displayed at Stratford Library until 11 September. The photography competition formed part of Breathing Places, a partnership between the council, the BBC and numerous environmental organisations.

Proud parents and carers joined pupils, teachers and governors for Earlham Primary School's achievement evening. The FOREST **GATE** school's annual event congratulates children for their efforts and attainments in education, sport and citizenship. Guest speaker, national judo champion Theo Spalding, spoke to the crowd about how to achieve their dreams and shared his hopes for 2012. Alongside an award ceremony where around 50 pupils received prizes for their accomplishments, the audience were treated to dance and music performances by the school's talented students.



A pupil receives his prize from head teacher Darren Williams





### NEWHAM'S **BEAUTIFUL BAKE**

You may recall the Newham Mag's invitation to all budding cake makers to bring their beautiful bakes to The Mayor's Newham Show. Pictured is the winning entry by resident Fatima Yusuf. as voted for by almost 200 show goers. But does it taste as good as it looks? You'll have to find out by baking your own! You can find the recipe on Newham.com/ food drink.

Here's how she decorated the cake with those beautiful roses:

- 1. Roll out sugar paste icing thinly and cut pot circles with small cutter, 1-4cms, depending on the size of roses required.
- 2. Start with a small disc and fold round quite tightly to form the centre of the rose. Add more petals curling the edges as you fold them to give a natural affect. Stick on to cake using edible glue.

### **NEED SOME SPACE?**

Does your community group need space for meetings, training, away days or anything at all? Or are you an individual looking for a community hall for a private function? The main hall at St John's Community Centre in **NORTH WOOLWICH** accommodates 120 people unseated or 100 seated with use of a kitchen and café area. The large and small meeting rooms can seat 25 and 12 people respectively. Call the centre on 020 7476 1666 or email sifinance@btconnect.com. The centre is fully accessible to disabled people.





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### Gallery



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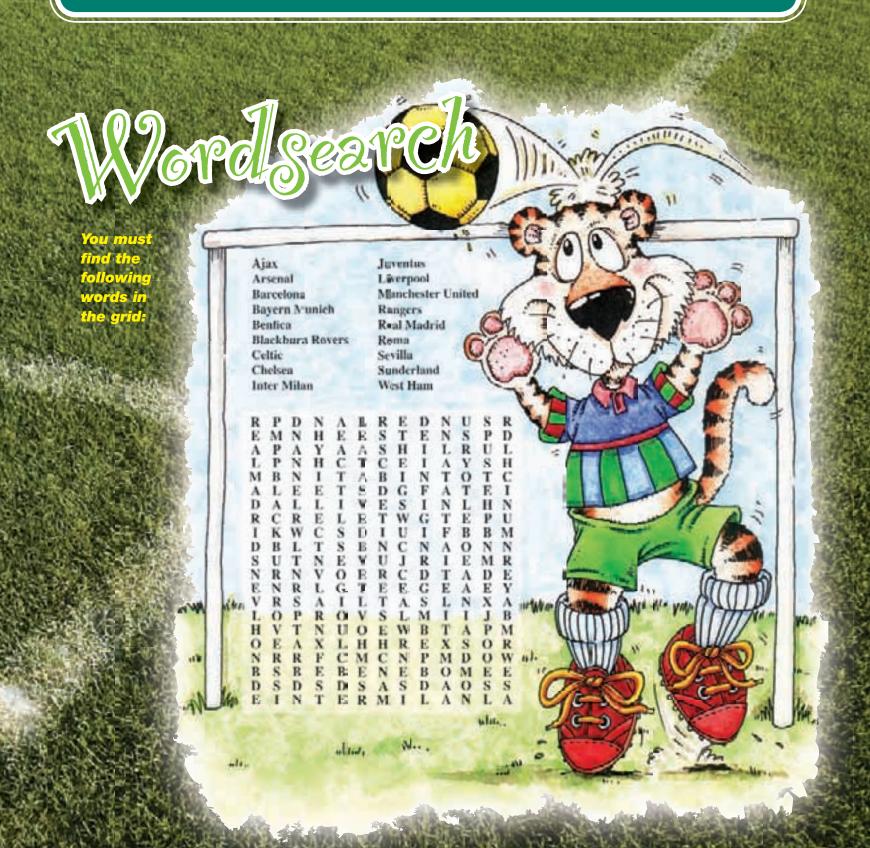


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### Poem

Summer yellow, summer warm All of children happy, It's so fun to play with you And your friends You can see a rainbow in summer rain, You can do 'splish splash' in the summer river. You would be happy every day When you in sunshine.

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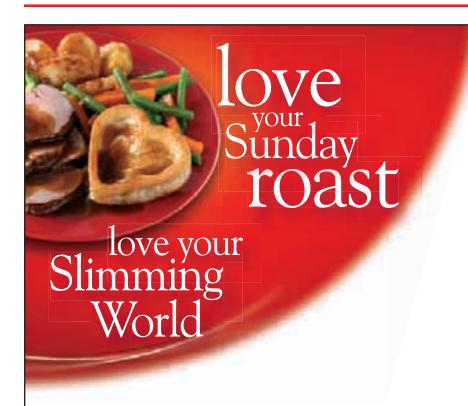
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### **SILVERTOWN**

Brittania Village Hall, 65 Evelyn Road, THURSDAY'S 7.00 PM TONI TEL: 0207 473 6087

### **CANNING TOWN**

O'Farrells Stage School, 36 Shirley Street MONDAY'S 7.00 PM LISA TEL: 07507 251330

### **CUSTOM HOUSE**

Newham Leisure Centre, 281 Prince Regent Lane MONDAY'S 6:00 PM LORRAINE TEL: 079719 59324

### STRATFORD

Atherton Leisure Centre, 189 Romford Road THURSDAYS 5PM AND 7PM Tel Kelly 07770 807728





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### WHATS ON

23 AUGUST - 6 SEPTEMBER

### **ALL LIBRARY LISTINGS**

### **UNDER 5s GROUPS**

All open to under fives with their parents/carers.

### Storytelling

**Beckton Globe** Every Friday 10-11am

Canning Town Every Monday 10.30-11.30am

Custom House Every

Tuesday 10.15-11.15am

East Ham Every

Wednesday 2-3pm

The Gate Every Friday

11am-12noon

**Green Street** Every Thursday 10.30-11.30am

Manor Park Every Thursday 10.30-11.30am

**North Woolwich** Every

Thursday 2-3pm

**Plaistow** Every Tuesday

11am-12noon

**Stratford** Every Tuesday

11am-12noon and every Friday 2-3pm

### **Crafts Club**

Manor Park Every Tuesday 10.30-11.30am

### **Crafts & Computer Club**

Stratford Every Monday 10.30-11.30am

**Toy Library** 

**Beckton Globe** Every

Monday 10am-12noon and every Thursday 1-3pm **East Ham** Every Tuesday 10am-12noon and every Thursday 10am-12noon

### Messy Play

**Beckton** Tuesday 2 September 1.30-2.30pm

### **Imaginative Play**

East Ham Every Friday 10.30-11.30am

### ADULT READING

### **Adult Reading Group**

The Gate Tuesday 2 September 6.30-7.30pm Plaistow Thursday 4 September 6.45-7.45pm

### **Gujarati Reading Group**

**Green Street** Thursday 28 August 2pm-4pm

### **Over 50s Reading Group**

**Beckton** Tuesday 2 September 9.45-11.45am

### **OTHER GROUPS**

### **Over 50s Club**

**Beckton Globe** Every Tuesday 9.45-11.45am

### Click-On

**East Ham** Friday 5 September 10am-12noon and 2-4pm **Plaistow** Friday 29 August 10am-12noon and 2-4pm

### **Writers Group**

**The Gate** Tuesday 26 August 5.30-7.45pm

### YOUNG PEOPLE

### Children's Games Club -

For children aged five to 12. **Canning Town** Thursday 28 August 4-6pm

**Games Club** – PS2 and Xbox games, music, board games and more activities for ages eight to 13.

Custom House Every

Saturday 2-4pm

**East Ham** Every Tuesday 3.30-5.30pm

Manor Park Every

Thursday 4-6pm

### Family Reading Group - A

chance for children aged five to 11 and their families to read together and have fun.

**The Gate** Saturday 30 August 2.30-4pm

### Children's Reading

**Group** – Explore the pleasure of reading in a family-friendly environment.

**Canning Town** Thursday 4 September 4.30-5.30pm

**Teen Xtra Evenings** – Free

activities for young people aged 12 to 21.

The Gate Every Friday 6-8pm

### LIBRARY ADDRESSES

**Beckton Globe** 1 Kingsford Way, E6 5JQ. 020 8430 4063 **Canning Town** Barking Road,

E16 4HQ. 020 7476 2696

**Custom House Prince** 

Regent Lane, E16 3JJ. 020 7476 1565

East Ham High Street South, E6 6EL. 020 8430 3647

The Gate 4-20 Woodgrange Road, Forest Gate E7 0QH. 020 8430 3838

Green Street 337-341

Green Street, E13 9AR. 020 8472 4101

Manor Park Romford Road, E12 5JY. 020 8430 2207

North Woolwich 5 Pier

Parade, E16 2LJ. 020 8430 5900

Plaistow North Street, E13 9HL. 020 8472 0420

Stratford 3 The Grove, E15 1EL. 020 8430 6890 Archives and Local Studies:

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### **ESTATE BASED SPORTS**

Sessions are open to 12-18 year-olds, free unless otherwise stated and for all abilities. For more information call 020 8430 2484 or visit www.newham. com/2012Games

### **Athletics**

Every Friday 4.30-6pm, eight-19 years, Drapers Field

### **Basketball**

For ages eight-19 unless otherwise stated.

### **Leyton Orient Community** Sports Programme (LOCSP)

Every Monday 4.30-6.30pm Winsor Park Every Monday 7-9pm Froud Community Centre Every Tuesday 5-7pm Royal Victoria Gardens Every Tuesday 7.30-9pm Plaistow Park Every Wednesday 5-7pm Memorial Park Every Wednesday 5-6.30pm New Beckton Park Every Thursday 4.30-6.30pm Priory Park Every Thursday 5.30-7.30pm Barking Road Rec Every Friday 5-6.45pm Forest Gate Youth Centre Every Friday 5-7pm Lister Gardens Park Every Tuesday 4.30-6pm, girls 11-16 years Sarah Bonnell School Every Thursday

Every Friday 4.15-5.30pm, eight-11 years 5.30-7.30pm, 12-16 years Cumberland Sports College Every Saturday 11am-1pm, eight-11 years Sarah Bonnell School

### Youngbloods Basketball Club

For more information please contact Caroline Charles 07958 307657 or Steven on 07940 111175. Every Tuesday 6-8pm, under-15s and under-14s East Ham Leisure Centre Every Tuesday 8-10pm, under-18 and under-16 boys East Ham Leisure Centre Every Tuesday 5.30-7.30pm, under-16s and under-15s Newham Leisure Centre Every Thursday 6-8pm, under-15 boys national league Newham Leisure Centre Every Saturday 1-3pm, under-13s and minis East Ham Leisure Centre

### **Cricket**

Every Thursday 5-7pm, eight-to-16 years Newham Cricket Club Langdon School £1 per session Every Tuesday 5.30-7pm, eight-to-19 years Score Indoor Complex Every Thursday 4.30-6pm, eight-to-19 years Drapers Field

### **Football**

Every Monday 6-8pm Plaistow Park Every Tuesday 5.30-7.30pm Little Ilford Ball Cage

Every Tuesday 5-7pm Stratford Park Every Tuesday 5-7pm Phoenix Cage Every Wednesday 4.30-6.30pm Royal Victoria Gardens Every Wednesday 5-7pm, eight to 19 years Stratford Park Every Wednesday 7.30-9.30pm, 16+ years (£2 charge) Score Complex Every Thursday 5-7pm Scud Park Ball Cage Every Thursday 6-8pm Forest Gate Youth Centre Every Friday 4-5,30pm (term time only) St John's Community Centre Every Friday 6-8pm Priory Park Ball Cage Every Saturday 2-4pm, six to 14 years (£3 charge) Score Complex

### **Ascension Football** Academy

For more information please contact Louise on 07841 749292. Every Saturday School years R-3: 9.30-10.30am School years 4-7: 10.45-11.45am School years 8-11: 12noon-1.30pm £2.50 per child per session King George V Park

### **Estates Football and Basketball League**

Every Monday 6-8pm, under-14s and under-17s Score Complex Hard Court Every Tuesday 5.30-7pm, under-12s and under-14s Drapers Field Every Friday 6-8pm, under-14s and under-17s Leyton Manor Park

### **Newham Swords Fencing Club**

Every Thursday 6-8.30pm Kingsford School Every Friday 6-8.30pm Lister School

Ages eight-18-year-olds Mini-fence sessions for fiveseven-year-olds For more information call Linda on 07956 618 898

### **Football and Basketball**

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### **Multi-Sports**

Every Monday 5-7pm, eight to 19 years Langthorne Park Every Monday 5-7pm, eight to 19 years



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6-8pm, 12-16 years

Cumberland Sports College



Alma Street MUGA Every Tuesday 4-5pm Carpenters and Docklands Centre (term time only) Every Tuesday 5-7pm, eight to 19 years Stratford Park Every Wednesday 4-5pm Carpenters and Docklands Centre (term time only) Every Wednesday 5-7pm, eight to 19 years The CAGE (Chatsworth Active Games Enclosure) Every Wednesday 5-7pm Stratford Park Every Wednesday 4-6pm, 10 to 19 years Cann Hall Park Every Wednesday 5-7pm, eight to 19 years Major Road Ball Park Every Thursday 5-7pm, eight to 19 years The CAGE

### Stratford Table Tennis Club

Every Wednesday
6.30-9.30pm
Stratford Secondary School

### **Eastlea Handball Club**

Every Thursday 4-5pm 11 to 18 years Eastlea School Every Thursday 5-6pm four to 11 years Eastlea School

### **Stratford Handball Club**

Every Monday 3.15-4.15pm 11 to 18 years Stratford Secondary School Mondays 4.30-5.30pm four to 11 years Stratford Secondary School

### **Venue Addresses**

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Woodgrange Road, E7 Froud Centre Toronto Avenue, Manor Park E12 5JF Langthorne Park Off Levtonstone High Road, E11 Leyton Manor Park Off Capworth Street. Leyton E10 Lister Gardens Park Corner of Upper Road and Florence Road, Plaistow E13 Little Ilford Ball Cage Reynolds Avenue, Manor Park F12 Major Road Ball Cage Stratford E15 Memorial Park West Ham E15 New Beckton Park Ball Cage Savage Gardens, Beckton E6 Newham Leisure Centre 281 Prince Regent Lane, Plaistow E13 8SD Phoenix Cage Milner Road, West Ham E13 Plaistow Park Balaam Street, Plaistow E13 Plashet Park Woodhouse Grove, East Ham E6 Priory Park Ball Cage William Morley Close, Upton Park E13 Royal Victoria Gardens Pier Road, North Woolwich E16 Sarah Bonnell School Deanery Road.



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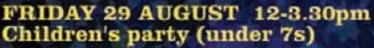
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